

Catamount Spirit

Potomac State College Special Edition



Every Gift is Truly Special!

*"Good evening.
My name is Kristin, and I'm calling to
offer you an update on Potomac State College..."*

Sound familiar?

If you're affiliated with Potomac State, chances are you've already heard these words from a student at the *Mountaineer Line*, the student telephone outreach program operated within the WVU Foundation. This program strives to contact alumni and friends to share the latest news, facilitate demographic updates and provide a convenient way for you to pledge financial support to the College.

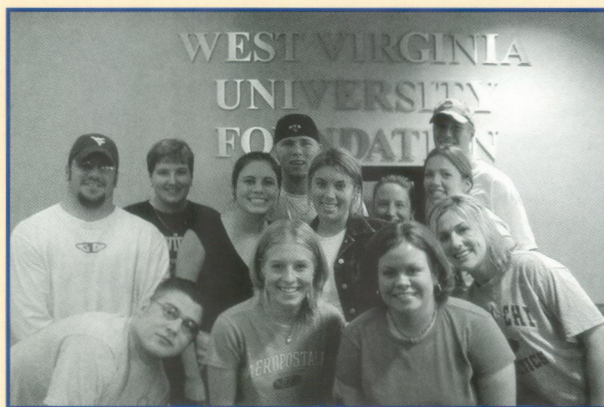
In a normal year, these student fundraisers would contact you on behalf of the annual fund drive. However, this year, the *Mountaineer Line* has taken on a new and exciting initiative. These students are contacting all alumni and friends for the *Building Greatness Campaign* as a part of the Special Gifts Phase. The Special Gifts Phase provides an opportunity for all alumni and friends to show their support for Potomac State by making a financial commitment to the *Building Greatness Campaign*.

Already this year, the student fundraisers have secured over \$300,000 in gifts and pledges for several of WVU's schools and colleges and 40 percent of all alumni and friends contacted have become a part of this historical campaign.

Gifts can still be designated to Potomac State, and 100 percent of each gift is used solely for the purpose you have specified. You can also now make a three-year commitment to Potomac State making it easier to continue your support year after year. Additionally, a series of giving clubs has been established for donors at different gift levels. These club levels seek to recognize and honor alumni and friends who give at qualifying levels, ranging from \$2,000 to \$100 per year.

In June, one of these dedicated student fundraisers may be calling you to give you more information on this important Campaign and ask you for your support of Potomac State. Take the time to speak with them and when they ask you to become a part of the *Building Greatness Campaign*, say yes!

Beginning in June, you may find yourself on the other end of the phone from one of our student callers.



PSC Funds Created Since the Inception of the Building Greatness Campaign

Noah "Woody" Anderson Scholarship
Thomas R. & Bess Bosley Educational Endowment
Norvin L. Bowyer Scholarship
Jay & Charmaine Johnson Gwynn Scholarship
J. William Marker Endowed Scholarship
Moore-Church Scholarship
Minor C. & Mattie B. Nestor Athletic Scholarship
Ralph & Jo Ann Newbanks Scholarship
David Nuzum Presidential Opportunities Endowment
PSC Library Improvement Fund
PSC - Aylor Scholarship
PSC - Elmore Scholarship
Amy M. Sharpless Special Projects Endowment
Amy M. Sharpless Scholarship
Dr. Bruce O. Snider Endowed Scholarship
Harvey & Betty Moses Fund
Dr. Lester K. Beavers Memorial Presidential Scholarship
PSC West Virginia Society of Washington DC Book Scholarship
Ramona Minear Sullivan Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Rehlmeier Tabler Memorial Scholarship
Tony Whitmore Endowed Scholarship
Lonny J. and Richard J. Watro Library Endowment
W. Ward and Bonnie Harvey Scholarship
Lester Beavers Memorial Scholarship
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Planning for the Future . . . yours and ours!

Some have provided special gifts in their wills or revocable trusts for scholarships or faculty support. Others have created gift arrangements which will satisfy Potomac State College of WVU's future technology, program and facility needs. All are members of the **Ernest and Katherine Church Society**.

Please meet them: **Jack B. Aylor** '78; **Sterling and Ruth Westfall** '44 **Bonnett**; **Dr. Sandra Elmore**; **Raymond E. Gilhart** '48; **Charmaine Johnson Gwynn** '47; **Kenneth F. Haines** '50; **Angela Maben Robb** '91;

John P. Spoerl '63; **William M.** '37 and **Mabel Lyons** '37 **Thompson**; and **Dr. Robert L. Whitmer** '56.

If you've thought of including a gift provision in your will, make sure that your attorney uses the wording "to the West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of Potomac State College of WVU." Your gift provision can specify, for example, that a scholarship will be created for students in your major. For \$25,000 or more, an endowed scholarship that will last forever and carry on your or a loved one's name will help many stu-

dents start their educational careers at Potomac State — and know that they made a smart choice!

Gifts in wills count in the *Building Greatness Campaign* if the donor will be age 65 or older by December 31, 2003 and will help Potomac State reach its important goal in this vital fund-raising effort.

And last but not least, becoming a member of the Church Society yourself is the easiest part of all. Just call 800-847-3856, and Joy Eggleston will be pleased to explain the simple process for joining the other members. They will certainly be glad you did!

Potomac State College of WVU Receives \$1.8 million

U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, who is the top Democrat on

the Senate Appropriations Committee, recently contacted Potomac State College of West Virginia University President Mary Rittling to confirm that the College will receive \$1.8 million for the renovation and construction to transform its current library into an innovative Information Technology Center.

"A library is the heart of any campus. The drive to transform the library at Potomac State into a first-class learning resource reflects a commitment to education, a love of learning, and a testament to self-initiative that should inspire students for many years to come," Byrd said.

According to President Rittling, this appropriation will allow the Potomac State College staff to meet with architects and officials of West Virginia University to refine the plan. Thus far, only professional sketches depicting an idea of how the new facility might look are available. **The total cost of construction is expected to be \$5.6 million. The College is raising an additional \$1.7 million through private funding to cover site work, furniture and technology upgrades.**

"We are very appreciative to Senator Byrd for recognizing and supporting our need for an Information Technology Center to provide a technology-learning environment that offers improved access to information resources," said President Rittling.

The renovation and construction will create technology pods for electronic research and communication, electronic classrooms, distance learning capabilities, a multimedia production studio, meeting and conference rooms, a Cyber Café, individual study rooms, areas for student interaction, staff offices and work areas, and an alumni lobby.

Since the library renovation and construction is part of the College's overall master plan, other gaps in the physical plant are being taken into consideration, including expanding handicapped access.

"As I have said before, we want this to be an inspiring place," concluded President Rittling.



Proposed Information Technology Center at Potomac State College

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MAKING A GIFT TO BENEFIT POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE, PLEASE CALL JOY AT 304-284-4015.

Potomac State College (now officially) of WVU

Potomac State College of West Virginia University will officially become a fully integrated division of WVU by July 2005. This was cemented through House Bill 2224, which was signed by Governor Bob Wise on March 18, 2003.

Potomac State College President Mary Rittling says that she and WVU President David C. Hardesty, Jr., the WVU Board of Governors, and the Potomac State Board of Advisors support the move to strengthen the 100-year old ties between the two institutions.

As stated in the bill, the school will concentrate on its strengths of agriculture, forestry, business, computer science, education, and liberal arts programs, and collaborate with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College for community college programs.

"West Virginia University officials appreciate all the hard work by members of the House of Delegates and the Senate on the Higher Education Reform Bill, HB 2224. We also acknowledge the work of the Governor's staff and thank Gov. Wise, in particular, for signing this legislation. We look forward to working with Potomac State College to ensure its integration as a division of WVU is a smooth process. And, in this extraordinary time of economic uncertainty, we appreciate that this legislation gives us the flexibility and tools we need to deal with the budget reductions we are facing – yet maintain providing a quality education," said President Hardesty.

SAVE THE DATE!

**HOMECOMING WEEKEND
will be October 17-19**

Watch your mail later this summer
for further details, or call Libby at
(304) 788-6870.

Moseses Receive Honorary Degrees

Harvey and Betty Moses were recipients of the Associate in Arts, in Public Service Honorary Degree, at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. In recognition of their unwavering support of the College, the Moseses had that honor conferred upon them at the 100th Commencement Ceremony on May 10, 2003.

The couple "adopted" Potomac State, though neither of them ever attended classes here. They have donated significantly to the Music Department and technology efforts of the College. Through their generosity, several arts camps were held this past summer.

Due to their generous donations, the College has succeeded in bringing enriching musical artists to the campus which otherwise would have been financially impossible. In addition, they established the Harvey and Betty Moses Fund to assist with the funding of the new Information Technology Center.

Harvey Moses served in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. At the time of his retirement from Verizon, where he worked for more than 30 years, He was the District Personnel Manager in Washington, D.C. The Moseses have three daughters, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.



Harvey & Betty Moses

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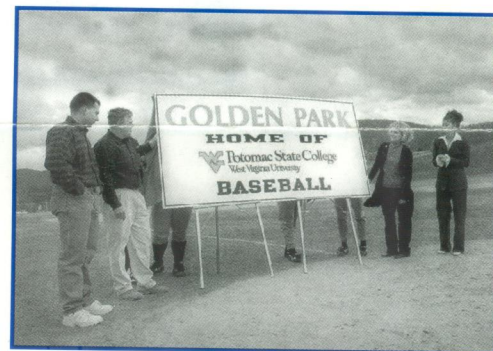
It was a day of firsts for Potomac State College of West Virginia University's baseball team. First home appearance of the season. First game on their new baseball field, Golden Park. And Gerry Golden, who donated the construction of the field, threw out the first pitch to his son, Bryan, a former catcher for Potomac State College who played two seasons with the Chicago Cubs.

"This is definitely a momentous occasion not only for Potomac State College, but also for the community," said Baseball Coach Doug Little, who has been involved with the construction of the field since it began in March 2000. "The field will be very instrumental in our future recruiting efforts."

The process began when Gerry and Edna Golden, proprietors of Womex Inc., an excavation company in Dillsburg, PA, approached Little asking if they could construct a new baseball field for the College. The College gratefully granted permission and the Golden's excavated the mountain-side behind Stayman Field.

The Golden's' donation, equivalent to \$250,000, is the largest to date towards the College's *Building Greatness Campaign*, officially launched in December 2001.

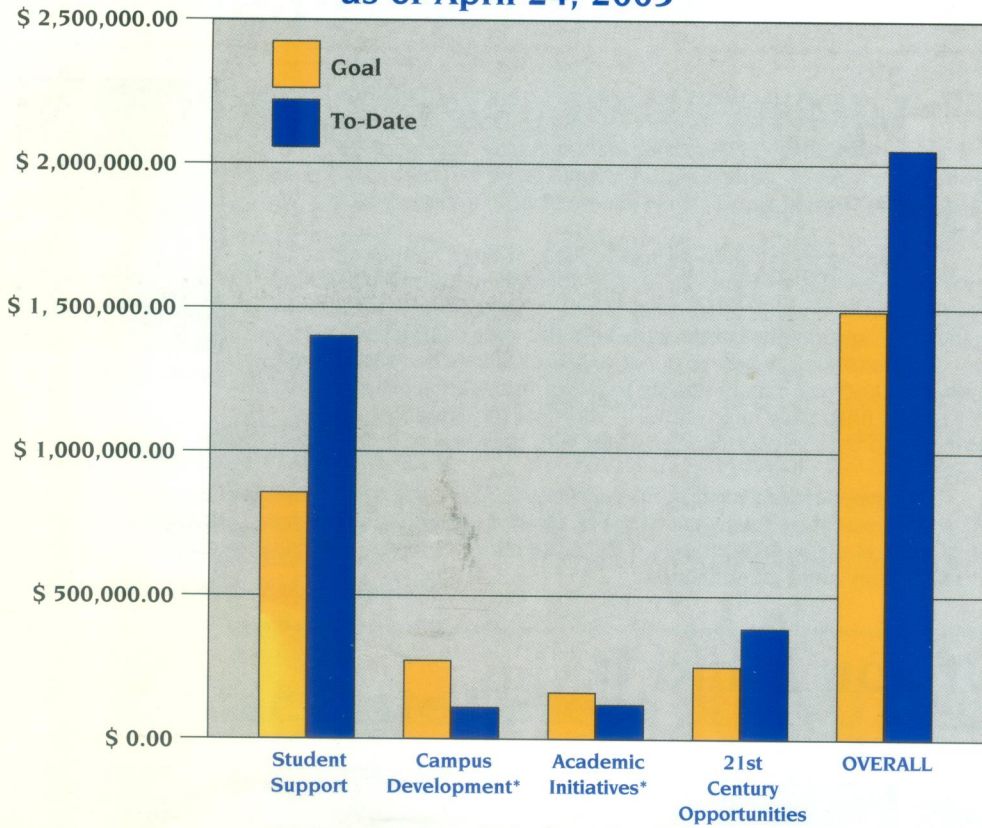
Golden said seven full-time



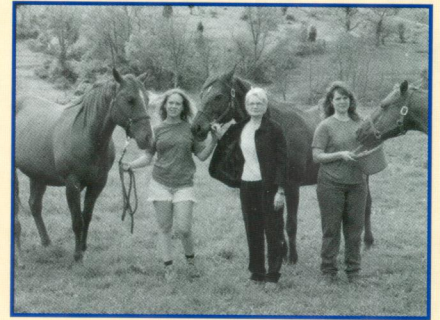
employees worked from daylight to dark for nearly three weeks in January and February 2000. When all was said and done, they had cut and moved 58,000 yards of earth, compacting and rolling it into a baseball field.

During an interview following the dedication ceremony, Golden told a reporter with the *Cumberland Times-News*, "When I pulled in here today, I can't tell you the thrill it was to see the field, the dugouts, and all the people coming to the game. There were some bumps in the road to get this done, but we got through them. Dr. (Mary) Rittling, the college president, and Coach (Doug) Little ... everyone was great to work with. It was amazing to see how everyone and everything pulled together to get this job done."

Potomac State College
Building Greatness Campaign Summary
as of April 24, 2003



WVU's Davis College
Receives Special
Gift from
Bob and Jewell Evans



President Mary Rittling, Sandy Smith, agriculture coordinator and Amy Sine, a pre-veterinary medicine student, pose with some of the 20 horses recently donated by Bob and Jewell Evans to the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences. The horses, a gift to the *Building Greatness Campaign*, are currently being boarded at Potomac State College.



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